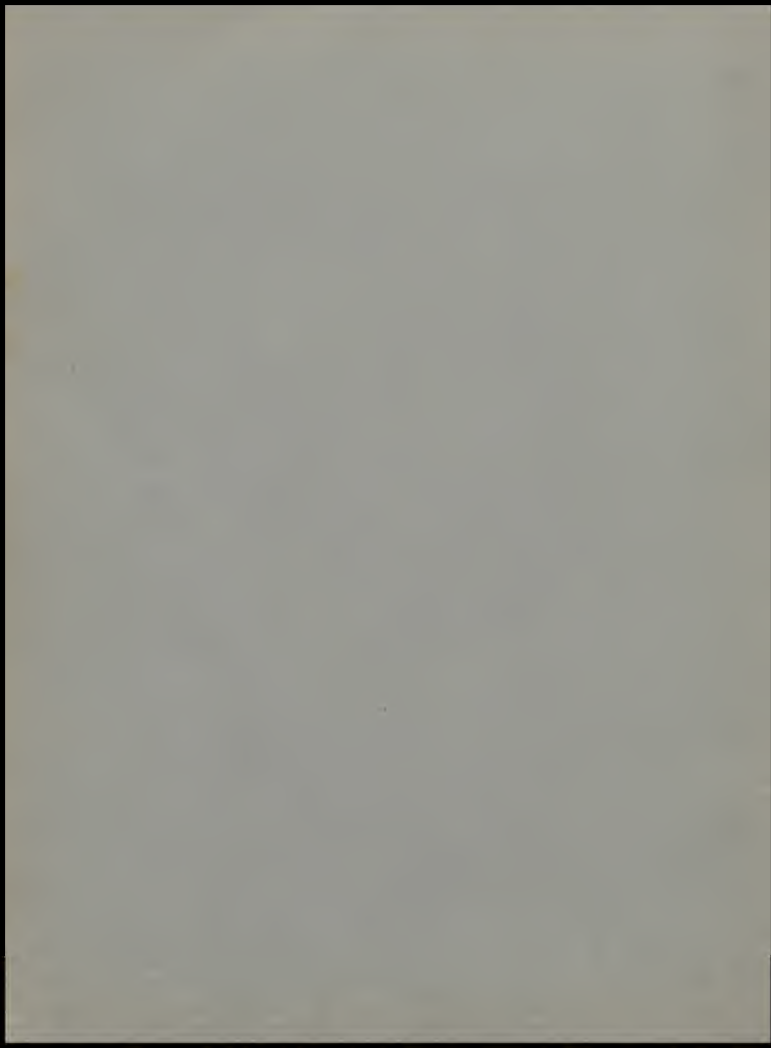


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## FOREWORD

In this volume of the Mirror,  
we have tried to present to the  
public a reflection of the life and  
spirit of Merrillville High  
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# MIRROR



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## WE HONOR—

Miss Wood, who has been a kind and loving friend throughout our high school career. It is a symbol of the highest appreciation and esteem that we, the Senior Class of 1956, dedicate this Mirror to her.



*Olive Wood*



ELMER A. E. GORDON

TRUSTEE EMIL BUCKFUEHRER



## TO THE SENIORS

This is your last year in which you will appear in our midst. Your common school career will soon draw to a close. What then?

Does it mean that after graduation exercises your education will stop or has it just begun? Most of your education should be acquired after Commencement. Preparation is the keynote to success. Success does not come without effort. Success at the beginning of a career means encouragement which leads to greater attainments. Failure at the beginning may mean the ruin of a noble career.

Your diploma is no indication of the amount of education that you possess. It possesses no such magic powers that Maddin's lamp had. Just how far you get in this world will depend upon you. No one is as much interested in you as you, yourself. Choose some field in the world's great work and use what knowledge you have gained in your formal education as a means to further yourself. May success crown your efforts.



W. W. LEMMEL  
Principal

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Department—Commercial and English.  
Activities—Sophomore Class Sponsor  
Girls Basketball Manager  
Commercial Club Sponsor  
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*Lawrence Rumbaugh*

# CLASS

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## ELLEN HARPER—

"M" Club, '56  
Dramatics, '56  
Glee Club, '56  
Chorus, '53, '54  
Debating Club, '56  
Commercial Club, '55, '56  
Basketball, '53, '54, '55, '56  
Sec. Treas. Athletic Assn., '56

## HERMAN HARMS

Chorus, '53  
Stamp Club, '55, '56  
Basketball, '54, '55, '56  
Band and Orchestra, '55, '56

## CLARA MAE SCHOON

Baseball, '52  
"M" Club, '56  
Chorus, '53, '54  
Operetta, '54, '55  
Dramatics, '55, '56  
Debating Club, '56  
Literary Club, '55  
Glee Club, '55, '56  
Newspaper Staff, '55  
Track, '54, '55, '56  
Basketball, '54, '55, '56  
Commercial Club, '55, '56

## HAROLD BURKLEY

Chorus, '53  
"M" Club, '56  
Baseball, '54

## JOLANNA SMITH

Operetta, '55  
Dramatics, '56  
Glee Club, '55, '56  
Debating Club, '56  
Newspaper Staff, '55  
Commercial Club, '56  
Literary Club, '55, '56

## BERNICE STARK

Dramatics, '56  
Chorus, '55, '54  
Basketball, '53, '55  
Commercial Club, '55, '56

## LLOYD SAAGER

Track, '56  
"M" Club, '56  
Dramatics, '55, '56  
Basketball, '54, '55, '56  
Baseball, '52, '53, '54, '55

## IVIS HERTZ

Chorus, '53, '54  
Glee Club, '56  
Latin Club, '55, '56  
Commercial Club, '55, '56

## FREDERICK MANDERNACH

Chorus, '54  
"M" Club, '56  
Glee Club, '56  
Dramatics, '56  
Operetta, '54, '55  
Baseball, '53, '54, '55  
Basketball, '54, '55, '56

## GEORGE BLIMEL

Chorus, '53  
Stamp Club, '55, '56

## DORTHIA HEINY

Chorus, '53  
Glee Club, '56  
Dramatics, '56  
Latin Club, '55  
Yell Leader, '54  
Debating Club, '56  
Literary Club, '55, '56  
Commercial Club, '55, '56

## EMIL BUCHHEIRER

Chorus, '53  
"M" Club, '56  
Baseball, '53, '54, '55  
Basketball, '54, '55, '56



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ELLEN HARPER

FREDERICK MANDERNACH

JOHANNA SMITH



HERMAN HARMS

BERNICE STARK

GEORGE BLIME



CLARENCE SCHOON

LLOYD SAAGER

DORTHA HEINY



HAROLD BURKLEY

IRIS HERTZ

EMIL BUCHFUHRER

KATHRYN MOON

Chorus, '34  
Glee Club, '35  
Dramatics, '36  
Commercial Club, '36

VIRGIL MONROE

Chorus, '34  
"M" Club, '36  
Operetta, '34  
Track, '34, '35, '36  
Baseball, '35, '34, '35  
Basketball, '34, '35, '36

LOLA BREWER

"M" Club, '36  
Track, '34, '35, '36  
Chorus, '35, '34  
Glee Club, '35, '36  
Dramatics, '35, '36  
Basketball, '35, '36  
Debating Club, '35, '36  
Commercial Club, '35, '36

ELDON STRONG

Chorus, '34  
"M" Club, '36  
Track, '34, '36  
Debating Club, '36  
Dramatics, '35, '36  
Newspaper Staff, '35  
Baseball, '35, '34, '35

ADELINE WEINER

Glee Club, '35, '36  
Commercial Club, '36

LESTER HACKER

Track, '34  
Chorus, '34  
"M" Club, '36  
Operetta, '34, '35  
Glee Club, '35, '36  
Baseball, '32, '35, '34, '35  
Basketball, '35, '34, '35, '36

VIRGINIA DAVENPORT

Class Queen, '36  
Debating Club, '36  
Dramatics, '35, '36  
Literary Club, '36  
Class President, '36  
Commercial Club, '35, '36

RAYMOND LINDBORG

Chorus, '35  
Basketball, '34  
Newspaper Staff, '35  
Stamp Club, '34, '35, '36

MARCELLA RLEMM

Chorus, '35, '34  
Operetta, '34, '35  
Glee Club, '35, '36  
Commercial Club, '35, '36  
Orchestra, '35, '34, '35, '36

MARGARET YAROS

Track, '34  
"M" Club, '36  
Chorus, '35, '34  
Yell Leader, '35  
Baseball, '31, '32  
Basketball, '32, '35  
Glee Club, '35  
Dramatics, '35, '36

MARGARET FARGO

Glee Club, '35  
Chorus, '35, '34  
Commercial Club, '36

FRANK HENDERSON

Chorus, '34  
"M" Club, '36  
Band, '35, '36  
Dramatics, '36  
Latin Club, '35  
Class King, '36  
Operetta, '34, '35  
Track, '34, '35, '36  
Glee Club, '35, '36  
Stamp Club, '34, '36  
Newspaper Staff, '35  
Pres. of Ath. Assn., '36  
Baseball, '35, '34, '35  
Orchestra, '35, '34, '35, '36  
Basketball, '35, '34, '35, '36

CATHERINE KRIETER

Operetta, '35  
Dramatics, '36  
Chorus, '32, '35  
Glee Club, '34, '35, '36  
Commercial Club, '36

ROBERT ANGERMAN

Chorus, '35  
Track, '35, '36  
Baseball, '34, '35  
Basketball, '34, '35, '36

ANNA HORVATH

Chorus, '35, '34  
Glee Club, '35, '36  
Literary Club, '35, '36



KATHRYN MOON

LESTER HACKER

MARGARET FARGO



VIRGIL MONROE

VIRGINIA DAVENPORT

FRANK HENDERSON



EDLA BREWER

RAYMOND LINDBORG

CATHERINE KRIETER



ELDON STRONG

MARCELLA KLEMM

ROBERT ANGERMAN



ADELINE WITHNER

MARGARET YAROS

ANNA HORVATH

## CLASS WILL

Listen, my schoolmates, and you shall hear  
The will of the class you hold so dear.  
On May 22nd in Merrillville I ligh  
Old '56 begins our will with a sigh  
And leaves, first of all, the purple and white  
For all M. H. S. by which to do right.

To make it the best that has ever been seen,  
We bequeath the labor and ability foreseen  
To the students of the next graduating class  
To publish a "Mirror" whose fame will e'er last.  
To the classes of '57, '58, '9.

We leave the work of keeping alive  
The next year's green crop and their wants,  
"Mid many initiations, sarcasms, and taunts.

Our personal possessions, we will next  
And hope that no one will be vexed.

From Robert Angerman, his ability to draw  
He leaves to Warren, whose art he forswore.  
Though very fond of Merrillville girls,  
George wills to Mike, these precious pearls.  
Lola Brewer, along with her many split skirts,  
Wills to Helen Keilman the ability to flirt.  
Emil Buchfuehrer, out of the goodness of his heart,  
Wills his scholarship award to Besette—just for a  
start.

The things that break in chem. for Harold B.  
Is a habit he wills to all chemists-to-be.  
Unselfish Virginia, just for luck,  
Wills to June, her crush on Chuck.  
A little girl named Margaret Fargo  
Wills to Swanson her manner a la Garbo.  
His athletic ability with all its hurst,  
Lester Hacker wills to Meinrad Wirtz.  
Herman Harms, his personal appearance along with  
his tailor.

He wills to that man-of-the-world, John Saylor,  
Ellen Harper, who is a good sport,  
Wills this to all not that sort.  
Dortha's lucrative labors, mental and manual,  
Is willed to the Juniors for next year's Annual.

Frank Henderson, of royal renown,  
Wills to Ray Lennertz, his golden crown  
Ivis Hertz, with all her charms,  
Wills the right to date alumni boys to Bernice  
Harms.

Anna Horvath's stand-in with the teachers  
Is left to all mistreated creatures,  
Catherine Krieter, our Glee Club member  
Leaves her voice for all to remember.  
From Marcella Klemm, her extra height  
She leaves to Gebhardt just for spite.  
A bottle of peroxide Raymond leaves in his will,  
For Ethel Carlson, its mission to fulfill.  
Frederick's baseball technique is lent  
To Gerry Weiler to help win the next tournament  
His loyal school spirit to those who come and go.  
Is willed to all by Virgil Monroe.

Kathryn Moon, her weight, nothing loath  
Wills to the Roberts' Twins, enough for both.  
Her reserve of manner is willed by Bernice,  
To Phyllis Carlson, all in one piece.  
"My corncob pipe," says Eldon Strong,  
"I'll give to Spitz, but I'm afraid that's wrong."  
Lloyd's determination to have something to say  
Is willed to all who desire their own way.  
Claramae's voice, so grand and clear,  
She wills to all who wish a career.  
From Joehana Smith, our star and shark,  
Is left in each study her excellent mark.  
"To Helen Shoemake," says Adeline,  
"I will my hair curlers, to make her look fine."  
Margaret Yaros wills all the Merrillville boys, but one  
To anyone who is looking for fun.

And as our last duty, this poem of fate  
To Mr. MacAllister we dedicate  
For we worked on this little Ryme  
When on English we should have been spending  
our time.

## CLASS POEM

Happy school days are over

At dear old M. H. S.

We seniors of 1956

Shall remember it as the best.

Of course we have all had our troubles

Like Lloyd, and Les, and Frank

And many many times we thought

The teachers were just old cranks.

To be sure we had our fun allright

In dancing and basketball

And often many got called down

For running through the hall.

But now our game is over

And a bigger one begun

We shall have fond memories to cheer us

When each day's work is done.

## SENIOR CLASS HISTORY

In September, nineteen hundred thirty-two, the steamer "Education" was anchored. A group of thirty-three jolly Freshmen boarded and occupied the first deck. After the mild embarrassments of initiation from the members of the second deck, we settled down to master the more serious subjects which constitute the beginnings of a higher education. The crew was organized with Miss Wood as captain, Frank Henderson commander and Ivis Hertz and Ellen Harper as helpers.

At the end of the first cruise, the second deck was reached. Howard Wesley and Leon Roushelang left the steamer thus reducing the crew to a total of thirty-one sophisticated Sophomores. After a short journey, the steamer anchored and Virginia Davenport, Marion Barrieger, John Sebastian, and Stanley Dziurdzy boarded; but Mary Franz, Mary Margaret Keilman, Magdalene Mattes, and Francis Krieter disembarked making a total of thirty in the crew, which was again organized with Miss Wood as captain, Lester Hucker as commander, and Frank Henderson and Ellen Harper as helpers. After the many misplacements of cosmetics, a party was given in honor of the members of the lower deck.

After a cruise of two years, a third was attempted. This time we occupied the third deck. On this excursion Miss Wood was captain; Marion Pierce, commander; Kathryn Moon and Ellen Harper, helpers. On this cruise the annual Junior dance, which proved very successful, was given. Then on the night of May eleventh, nineteen hundred thirty-five, the Junior and Senior banquet was given. The gymnasium was decorated to resemble a flower garden, with many gaily colored Japanese lanterns swaying above our heads.

When the third excursion was completed; we set off for a fourth to the "Isle of Seniors." During our previous journey some of the crew returned home, but a few newcomers joined. This time we were glad to have Mr. Lemmel as captain, Virginia Davenport as commander, Eldon Strong and Johanna Smith as helpers. This cruise was begun by giving a dance to help defray expenses of the annual.

At the season's carnival Virginia Davenport was chosen as "Queen," and Frank Henderson was chosen as "King."

On March 12, a play, "Give Me Credit," was given by members of the Public Speaking Class, under the direction of Mr. Lemmel.

On May 8, a mystery drama, "The Marlenburg Necklace," was given for the annual Senior play. It was very different from any recent play so it met with huge success, the public's need for variation.

On May 17 the Baccalaureate was held in the Merrillville Gymnasium with Reverend McFall in charge, who gave an excellent address which was enjoyed by a large audience.

On May 21 Commencement exercises were held in the gymnasium. The Commencement was carried on by members of the Class. Speeches were given by Dortha Heiny and Johanna Smith. The main address was delivered by Dr. Preston Bradley from the City Church in Chicago.

# THE PROPHECY

NAME	AMBITION	PROBABLE END
Anderson	Railroad Mail Clerk	Artist
Blind	Farmer	Life Guard
Brewer	Public Speaker	Chicken Rancher
Buchfuerer	Farmer	Street Cleaner
Burkley	Farmer	City Sleeker
Davenport	Dress Designer	Cartoonist
Fargo	Stenographer	Boss' Wife
Hacker	Baseball Player	Bat Boy
Harms	Farmer	Starvation
Harper	Stenographer	Bat Boy Manager
Henry	Seamstress	Washwoman
Henderson	Journalist	G Man
Hertz	Teacher	Teacher!!
Horvath	Hollywood Beautician	Hollywood Window Washer
Klemm	Dancing Teacher	Animal Trainer
Krieter	Public Accountant	Marriage
Lundborg	Aviator	Elevator Boy
Mandemach	Journalist	Newspaper Boy
Monroe	Army Officer	Boy Scout
Moon	Nurse	Chorus Girl
Saager	Admiral	Fish Peddler
Schoon	Radio Artist	Hog Caller
Smith	Librarian	Housewife
Stark	Beautician	Mother of Six
Strong	Success	Court Jester
Wehner	Bookkeeper	Jail-keeper
Yates	Beautician	Butcher

## JUNIOR CLASS



*First row: Dorothy Piske, Anna Rulimen, Edna Roberts, Martha Finkbeke, Barbara Schmitt, Ruth Stedman, Edward Nelson.*

*Second row: Mr. Rumbough, Helen Keilman, Eric Kratoch, Edith Swanson, Ed. Demme, Marian Finkbeke, Milton Doepfing.*

*Third row: George Smith, Warren Pike, John Liemovich, Valdir Patz, Edward Goldhardt, Andrew Schoppel, Melvin Frank.*

# U N D E R

## JUNIOR NEWS

At the first class meeting the officers were elected as follows: Andrew Schoppel, president; Thomas Pequignot, vice-president; and Dorothy Piske, secretary-treasurer. Pink and silver were chosen for the class colors with the American beauty rose for the class flower. The motto chosen for the year was, "The elevator to success is not running, take the stairs." Mr. Rumbough was selected for the sponsor of the Junior class.

Due to Thomas Pequignot's leaving school later in the year, Warren Pike was elected vice-president. The class finally dwindled to twenty when Geneva Burge decided to take up the matrimonial side of life rather than continue her studies in school.

The only new student in the class this year was Edith Swanson, formerly of Crown Point.

A class party was given in the home of Helen Keilman on the fourteenth of December. Several teachers were present.

A dance, held for the benefit of the Junior class, was given on the seventeenth of April. The color scheme used in decorating the gymnasium was pink and silver, the Junior colors.

The Junior-Senior banquet was given on the sixteenth of May. After a very appetizing dinner, the remainder of the evening was spent in playing bunco and dancing. A lovely time was had by all.





## SOPHOMORE CLASS

*First Row:* Margaret, Elizabeth, Schenck, Lawrence, Adank, Doris Beck, Dorothy, Busselberg, Alma  
*Second Row:* Helen, Vernon, Samuel, Margaret, Angerman, Helen, Friedrich,  
*Third Row:* William, Brewer, Mary, Hoffmann, Shirley, Schenck, Alan, Hoyer, Linnady, Klumpp,  
*Fourth Row:* William, Walter, Arnold, Jack, Gibson,  
*Fifth Row:* Bernice, Harms, Carl, Bernadette, Knutson, Bernice, Harms, Jane, Sargent, Alexander, Fargo, Helen,  
*Sixth Row:* Bernice, Harms, Linnady, William, Walter, Carlson, Jerome, Koshman,  
*Seventh Row:* Paul, DeLau, Michael, Wiers, Arthur, Himmelman, Phillip, Troxel, John, Saylor, Claude,  
*Eighth Row:* Edmund, Proke, Harold, LaCroix.

# GRADUATES

## SOPHOMORE NOTES

In September, 1955, a group of thirty-eight pupils entered the Sophomore year. Most of them were ready to do their best.

At the first class meeting the following officers were elected:

Edward Niksch, President; Jeanette Adank, Vice-President; Dorothy Busselberg, Secretary-Treasurer.

The class decided on having Blue and Gold the colors, Rose for the flower, and "Preparation is the keynote to success" was chosen as the motto.

Those who have joined our class this year are Dorothy Fargo, Doris Beck, Helen Shoemaker and Jack Gibson.

We are sorry to state that although we have some new classmates, we have lost some also. These are Emily Hook, Robert Unger and Berthe Gemenz.

On December 14, 1955 the Sophomore class held a Christmas party at the school. Refreshments were served and everyone enjoyed a good time.

Those who were among the first ten on the Basketball Team are Margaret Angerman and Bernice Harms.

The Sophomore class with the help of Miss M. Friedrich, the sponsor of the class, gave an assembly program on November 25, 1955. The program consisted of a play entitled "Light Dessert for Thanksgiving" and a violin solo by John Saylor.

Those whose names were often on the Honor Roll are Shirley Adank, William Brewer, Bernice Harms and Edward Niksch.

The students from the Sophomore class who have been out for track are Alma Hein, Charles Lennertz, Phillip Troxel, Paul De Lau, Dorothy Busselberg and Harold La Croix.

## FRESHMEN CLASS



## FRESHMEN CLASS



*With Grade, First row:* George Gundrich, Wilma Khron, Alice Struebig, Helen Mankis, Alice Bullock, Phyllis Wiley, Frances Karsten, Carol Pierre, Helen Wesley, Valentine Popp.

*Second row:* Fred Roberts, Edward Schappel, Cheryl Dropping, Jane Caldwell, Irene Benecke, Jean Hershey, Gerald Weiler, Alfred Foul, Mr. McAllister.

*Third row:* John Hasprunar, Walter Luehke, Joe Thomas, Ivin Luehke, Leonard Spitz, Louis Popp, Walter Smith.

*First row:* Elizabeth Tamm, Deborah Webster, Genevieve Kilgus, Audrey Stensel, Dora Schuchle, Alice Gottschalk, Max Bullock, Sally, Alfred Schuchle.

*Second row:* Joseph Kelmner, Luther Grub, Rita Kelmner, Irene Demmon, Phyllis Carlson, Mandeline Hertz, Kenneth Roudsberg, Leonard Franz, Eugene Goss.

*Third row:* Arthur Hacker, Albert DeLau, Harold Collins, Mr. McAllister, Ray Lennetz, Mike Yates.

# F R O S H



EIGHTH GRADE  
CLASS



SEVENTH GRADE  
CLASS

*8th Grade, First row:* Geraldine Anderson, Pauline Popp, Joanne Carlson, Anne Schmidt, Ardian Archibald, Dorothy Baker, Martha Oremson, Louise Hunter, Nellie Freeman.

*Second row:* Carol Holcher, Edith Gorkin, Eugene Schmidt, Fern Benecke, Joe Ann McLean, Tony McLean, Louise Lucas, Vivian Towler, Margaret Mardianski, Evelyn Mann.

*Third row:* Dorothy Henderson, Mary Stevens, Edmond Alm, Clayton McMichael, Marvin Kasper, William Thomas, Mr. Robinson, Harry Elmer.

*8th Grade, First row:* Dolores Lambert, Jan Seals, Dorothy Biles, Fredrick Thomas, Virginia Catlow, Maxine Baker, Amy Roberts, Audrey Carlson, James Mann.

*Second row:* David Beck, James Windigley, Louise Kasper, Zoe Smith, El Benecke, Howard Catlow, Charles Alm, Edward Yates.

*Third row:* Monroe McLain, Robert Popp, Wendell Towler, Arthur Bessette, Jack Gibson, Mr. Robinson, Harry Henderson.

# G R A D E S



## BAND and ORCHESTRA



## COMMERCIAL CLUB

### BAND AND ORCHESTRA

The band and orchestra was under the direction of Mrs. Ralph Fades. The orchestra, the older of the two groups, consisted of the following members: Lejune Schwall, piano; Dorothy Busseburg, John Saylor, Edward Niksch, Dora Roberts, Irene Beneake, violins; Gerald Weiler, Edward Schoppel, Dorothy Klusmeyer, Dorothy Henderson, Bernice Harms, John Hasprunar, trumpets; Cora Roberts, Ruth Striebig, Jean Hershey, trombones; Marcella Klein, drums; Henna Harms, Frank Henderson, clarinets.

The band which was formed last year has made much progress in the last year. It consisted of the same members as the orchestra with the exception of the violins and piano. Billy Bowman, drums; John Saylor, tuba; Lejune Schwall, clarinet.

### COMMERCIAL CLUB

The Commercial Club has been in existence about eight years although it had not been formally organized until this year with Miss M. Friedrich as our advisor.

The aim of this organization is to further its members' knowledge in the field of business. Only junior and senior girls who participated in some Commercial subject were allowed to become members.

The club took field trips to the near by firms and county institutions or had a representative of a company explain a certain phase of the business world. On January 30, 1950, our club had a joint meeting with the Hobart Commercial Club.

The officers for the past year were: President, Ellen Harper; Vice-President, Barbara Schmidt; Secretary, Treasurer, Johanna Smith.

Our colors were red and white and our motto was "Rowing, Not Drifting."

# A C T I V

## STAMP CLUB



## M CLUB



### THE STAMP CLUB

The Merrillville Stamp Club has now been organized four years with Mr. Houchin as its sponsor.

In the first three years, the club's membership was limited to boys only, but this year anyone who attends the Merrillville High School and is interested in philately may join. During the past year the club boasted forty members.

The club is organized for the purposes of (1) promoting general knowledge of stamps and the hobby of stamp collecting together with the arts and sciences related to it; (2) aiding members in increasing their collections by exchange, auction, etc.; (3) promoting good fellowship among the members by social entertainment.

The officers of the club were: President Carol Pierce, Vice-President Lynn Harris, Secretary-Treasurer Irene Bencke.

The club met every other Wednesday during the thirty-minute activities period.

### "M" CLUB

The "M" Club was organized at the first of this school year. Its membership consisted of twenty boys and girls who have earned major "M's" in athletics.

The purpose of the club as stated in the constitution is to foster athletics and develop the proper school spirit and attitude throughout the student body of the school and throughout the community.

The club had complete charge of the sale of season basketball tickets and made a success of this campaign.

The officers of the club were Lloyd Saeger, President; Frank Henderson, Vice-President; and Virgil Monroe, Secretary-Treasurer. Mr. Robinson was faculty advisor.

# I T I E S



## LITERARY CLUB

### LITERARY CLUB

The Literary Club was organized for those who are interested in studying the various types of literature. It is joined both for pleasure and for the knowledge gained. The purpose of the club is to enlighten the members on present day writers. Writers like Edna St. Vincent Millay, John Masefield, Christopher Morley, H. G. Wells, Hugh Walpole, Rose Macaulay, Joseph C. Lincoln, Sinclair Lewis, and Willa Cather were considered.

Among the many topics discussed were jointalism, historical fiction, novels, essays, short stories, biographies, poetry, contemporary humor, the using of libraries, drama and motion pictures, modern problems, the writing of letters, and hobbies.

The Literary Club was organized one year ago with Mr. McAllister acting as sponsor. There were ten members in the club. The club took pride in the quality of its members rather than the quantity.

The officers of the club were as follows: President, Johanna Smith; Vice-President, Dorothy Henry; Secretary, Treasurer, Virginia Davenport.

### LATIN CLUB

The purpose of this Latin Club is to broaden the members understanding of the life of a Roman in order to appreciate his views of literature, religion, architecture, sculpture, art, business, etc., and thus gain a more universal outlook.

The Club has been in existence all last year but it was fully organized the first of this year.

There were twenty members in this club.

Last year the club celebrated Christmas after a Roman fashion. It also had a Valentine meeting at which the Sybil told fortunes. The members dramatized myths learned about the life of Virgil from slides obtained from Indiana University and learned other interesting facts. During the past year the members of the club learned Latin songs and soap carving. They also presented a Latin play.

## LATIN CLUB



## HOME ECONOMICS CLUB



### THE HOME ECONOMICS CLUB

The Home Economics Club of Merrillville High School was organized in the school year of 1951-52. There were twelve members with Miss Wood as the sponsor. This year there were twenty-seven members from the freshman and sophomore classes.

The seventh grade girls organized a club this year of twelve members.

The purpose of the clubs is to study interesting phases of home economics work through reports given by the members on articles found in magazines, etc., and through trips taken to stores and factories.

Last year the members of the club visited Stock Laundry, Cloverleaf Dairy, the Post Tribune building in Gary, and Marshall Fields store in Chicago. The class visited a bakery and several stores this year.

The members gave programs on costume design, clothing, foods, and manners.

Lantern slides and moving pictures on subjects relating to home economics were shown to the clubs.

### INDUSTRIAL ARTS WEAVING CLUB

The Industrial Arts Weaving Club of Merrillville High School began the third Wednesday after school started. It was organized under the supervision of Mr. Rumbaugh. Officers were elected as follows: President, Laura Brewer; Vice-President, Geraldine Angerman; Secretary, Treasurer, Inanita Carlson.

The president drew up the constitution that proved satisfactory to all the members. The members consisted of nineteen girls and they progressed rapidly with their work.

The club displayed its work at the end of the school year. The members made coats, baskets, end tables, and foot stools.

At the close of this school season, the club had some accomplished weavers.



### INDUSTRIAL ARTS CLUB



## SPORTS PARADE

### *Our Coach*

Our coach, Mr. Robinson, has been with us for three years. This year he is working under more favorable conditions than in the previous year. He has worked hard for the last two years, trying to work out a combination of boys that will work together. He possesses that "something" which inspires those with whom he comes in contact to do their utmost at all times. As a man he is looked up to by the players, as a coach they acknowledge his keen insight into the science of games, and as a friend they are only too glad to serve him.

### *Basketball*

At the beginning of the season the girls basketball team looked very favorable, and so it proved to be. They had a successful season having won eleven games, tied one and lost one. This made them the Lake-Porter County champions. The team was fortunate in having lost only four members, Shonkwiler, Crisman, Fowler, and Saxton, from last year's squad. Shonkwiler and Crisman were regulars.

The boys' team, however, did not prove to be quite so successful. At the beginning of the season it looked as though we had a winning team, as the boys started the season by winning the first two games. The other school's teams proved to be just a little better than our boys; they had the advantage of us in their height, which proved to be a big handicap to our team. At the close of the season the boys had to their credit seven games won and eleven games lost.

The boys' second team did not prove to be so successful. They won two games and lost eleven, but they promise to be much stronger next year. The seventh and eighth grade boys' team was somewhat better. Of their eight games played, they won three and lost five.

### *Baseball*

The boys' baseball team proved to be more successful than their basketball team. Even though they lost several good players that graduated the previous spring, they came through the season with half of the games to their credit. They won 5 games and lost 5 games.

### *Athletic Association*

The Merrillville High School Athletic Association included every student in the high school and junior high school. The dues, which are twenty-five cents per student, were against each member in the association. The money is used to buy athletic equipment for the school.

The officers of the organization are: President, Frank Henderson; Vice-President, Lester Harker; Secretary-Treasurer, Ellen Harper.

### BOYS' BASEBALL

### BOYS' BASKETBALL

### GIRLS' BASKETBALL

### 2nd TEAM BOYS' BASKETBALL

### 7th and 8th GRADES BASKETBALL



# ATHLETICS



# BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

		GIRLS		BOYS	
		M.H.S.	Opp.	M.H.S.	Opp.
Nov. 1—Washington Twp.	here	58	5	26	9
Nov. 8—East Gary	here	19	11	25	19
Nov. 15—Wheeler	there	20	22	15	33
Nov. 20—Crown Point	here	No Game		25	12
Nov. 22—Griffith	here	No Game		16	17
Nov. 28—Calumet	there	25	15	15	27
Dec. 5—Dyer	here	21	21	22	00
Dec. 15—Portage				22	26
Dec. 20—Washington Twp.	there	20	14	12	27
Jan. 10—East Gary	there	35	8	25	14
Jan. 10—Wheeler	there	17	14	22	36
Jan. 23-24—Blind Tourney	here	21	9	20	25
Jan. 31—Griffith	Dyer	No Game		25	14
Feb. 7—Calumet	there	No Game		15	20
Feb. 14—Dyer	here	25	3	24	28
Feb. 21—Portage	there	15	13	27	24
Feb. 24—Griffith	here	18	12	16	20
Feb. 28—Alummi	there	No Game		17	22
	here	26	4	27	21

# BOYS BASEBALL SCHEDULE

		M.H.S.	Opp.
Sept. 6—Wheeler	here	1	5
Sept. 13—East Gary	there	4	5
Sept. 20—Dyer	here	5	6
Sept. 24—Boone Grove	there	18	0
Oct. 4—East Gary	here	2	6
Oct. 8—Dyer	there	9	1

During the entire basketball season the girls won eleven games, lost one, and tied one, thus winning the Lake-Porter County championship. The boys won seven games and lost eleven. The seventh and eighth grade boys team won three and lost five.

## SECOND TEAM SCHEDULE

		MEETS.	Opp.
Nov. 12—East Gary	here	5	35
Nov. 20—Crown Point	here	10	15
Nov. 22—Griffith	here	17	24
Dec. 6—Dyer	here	19	14
Dec. 6—Calumet	here	14	21
Dec. 7—Wheeler	there	15	24
Dec. 17—Crisman	here	19	22
Jan. 14—East Gary	there	15	27
Jan. 31—Griffith	there	15	19
Feb. 8—Wheeler	here	6	21
Feb. 11—Calumet	there	17	25
Feb. 18—Dyer	there	30	6
Feb. 25—Crisman	there	18	25

## SIXTH AND EIGHTH SCHEDULE

Nov. 12—East Gary	here	16	5
Dec. 6—Calumet	here	11	14
Dec. 7—Wheeler	there	10	27
Dec. 17—Crisman	here	14	10
Jan. 14—East Gary	there	2	5
Feb. 8—Wheeler	there	7	8
Feb. 11—Calumet	there	8	9
Feb. 25—Crisman	here	21	10

## TRACK SCHEDULE

Apr. 14—Lew Wallace	there	25	25
Apr. 17—Griffith	here	62	47
Apr. 24—Portage (boys and girls)	there	..	..
Apr. 29—E. Gary (boys and girls)	here	..	..
May 5—Lake Porter Meet (boys and girls)	here	..	..
May 9—Sectional	Gary	..	..

# SCHOOL

## SNAPSHOTS

The pictures at the right are some interesting scenes of school life and otherwise. The little gentleman at the top is Walter Catlow; if you don't happen to recognize him, California scenery is very beautiful, isn't it? Arthur, what is the use of hiding? 'Hold that 'Tiger' or is that a calf? My mistake! The portable isn't nearly as weedy as it seems. There seems to be more corn fodder than girls, but they are there just the same. And dignified Seniors at that! Dortha seems to be very bashful. It carries over to some extent. And Kathryn is always digging up something. Bernice, where are the long curls? Catherine and Rita! Who would have thought it! And Adeline you will never get your lesson that way. Here we have the first five senior members of the basketball team. Hot stuff! Eh? Those three girls seem happy about something! What I wonder?



# SCENES

## SNAPSHOTS

The two young men in the upper left hand corner are Lester and Arthur Hacker. They have just been fighting, and Lester has a clod of dirt in his hand. The picture of the little lady is Johanna with her Easter bonnet lying on the ground. Is that the way to treat it? Lola has participated in operetta at the grade school. The prim little lady in the snow is Margaret Fargo. The little girl holding the pups is Marcella. The first picture in the third row is Eldon. Lloyd and Virgil appear with baseball mit and bat. I suppose Lloyd is catcher. Next is Ivys with her dog. Is it insulted? It won't even look at her. In the next row we find Harold, and just below is Ellen. There is Claramac, and she doesn't even have her mouth open. Just below is Herman. Next to Claramac is Emil, and below is Frank with the knee breeches. The group picture is of the Travel club. The young man with the Cowboy suit is Frederick. Raymond is the little boy on the Kid-die Kar. Just below the young cowboy we have Robert Angerman with the pony.



## CALENDAR OF 35-36

- Sept. 3—School began. Teachers were introduced.
- Sept. 6—Baseball game with Wheeler and lost 5 to 1. To keep Eldon Strong out of mischief, Mr. Lemmel sent him on an errand.
- Sept. 11—The classes elected their officers and also their king and queen for the Carnival.
- Sept. 15—A baseball game was played with East Gary. We lost 5 to 4. Five seniors went along as boosters for the team.
- Sept. 20—A dance was given for the benefit of the Annual. We won our first baseball game from Dyer. The score was 6 to 5.
- Sept. 23—The Monogram Club was organized.
- Sept. 24—A baseball game was played with Boone Grove. We won 18 to 0.
- Sept. 27—The Scrap Book Club was organized.
- Oct. 4—A baseball game was played at Dyer. We won 9 to 1.
- Oct. 8—A baseball game was played with East Gary. We lost 7 to 2.
- Oct. 9—Boys and girls basketball practice started.
- Oct. 11—A carnival was given at the school building. Virginia Davenport and Frank Henderson of the Senior class were elected king and queen of the carnival.
- Oct. 16—Pupils received their report cards for the first time this school year. Teachers institute was held this week end. School closed Thursday and Friday.
- Oct. 22—The school purchased a new Victor radio.
- Oct. 24—Miss Fredrich entertained the Commercial club by telling of her trip abroad.
- Oct. 28—First pep session this morning with our new yell leaders Tommy Pequino and Barbara Davis. Basketball schedules were passed out.
- Oct. 29—Senior assembly program was given.
- Oct. 31—Hallowe'en! Robert Popp, Boyden Manis, and Wendell Fowler erected a building at Mr. George Gatches!
- Nov. 1—The first basketball games with Washington Township here were won by both teams.
- Nov. 6—Rita Krieter has returned to school after having an appendicitis operation.
- Nov. 8—A speaker entertained the school approximately 55 minutes. A basketball game was played with East Gary here. We won both games.
- Nov. 11—Juniors gave their assembly program. We listened to a speech over the radio given by President Roosevelt.
- Nov. 27—Bertha Gornenz quit school. Two basketball games were played with Ross there. Girls won and boys lost.
- Dec. 2—Seniors had their annual pictures taken at Basyln Studio in Glen Park.
- Dec. 4—The Seniors received their proofs.
- Dec. 6—Two basketball games were played with Dyer. The girls tied their game and the boys lost theirs. Industrial Art Club gave a party.
- Dec. 9—Ninth grade assembly program was given. A lady spoke to the seniors on vocational guidance.
- Dec. 15—We played two basketball games with Crisman. Girls won and boys lost.

## CALENDAR OF 55-56

- Dec. 14—Juniors held their class party at Helen Keldman's home. The Sophomores gave a Christmas party at school.
- Dec. 20—"Santa Claus" visited the school. We played two basketball games with Washington Township there. Girls won and boys won.
- Jan. 13—Claramae Schoon was surprised to see a mouse make a home in her typewriter.
- Jan. 15—Examination day.
- Jan. 16—Seniors were measured for their caps and gowns.
- Jan. 17—Seniors picked out their announcements. Two basketball games were played with Wheeler here. Girls won and boys lost.
- Jan. 20—Lester sings "Music Goes 'Round and 'Round." New semester began today.
- Jan. 28—We debated Calumet's team here. Calumet won.
- Jan. 29—Mr. Rumbaugh killed a mouse. Hurrah!!
- Jan. 30—Commercial Club invited Hobart Commercial Club to a joint meeting.
- Jan. 31—Basketball tournament was played at Dyer.
- Feb. 18—Valentines were distributed. The basketball games with Dyer were postponed.
- Feb. 21—We played two basketball games with Portage here.
- Feb. 25—A Fire! Matches caught fire in Mr. Lemmel's pocket. We wonder why he carries matches.
- Feb. 28—Two basketball games were played with the Alumni. The school was victorious.
- Mar. 3—Interclass basketball tournament started.
- Mar. 4—Coach Robinson and the basketball boys broadcasted over WWAF.
- Mar. 6—Claramae Schoon and Lloyd Saager snored in the assembly.
- Mar. 7—Basketball tournament was played at East Chicago. Boys beat Calumet, but lost to Washington.
- Mar. 9—Interclass tournament ends. Senior boys and Junior girls won.
- Mar. 12—The play "Give Me Credit" was presented.
- Mar. 17—Everybody looked green! St. Patrick's Day.
- Mar. 20—A dance was given at the school for the benefit of the band.
- Mar. 23—Margaret Yaros returned to school after an appendicitis operation.
- Mar. 25—Mr. Lemmel returns to school after a week and a half illness. Then Mr. McAllister took sick.
- Apr. 3—A play was given by the faculty and another was given by the Commercial club.
- Apr. 11—Athletic Banquet was given for the athletes and their parents.
- Apr. 17—Junior Prom.
- May 8—Senior Class gave the mystery play, "The Marlenburg Necklace."
- May 14—Examination Day.
- May 16—Junior-Senior Banquet.
- May 17—Baccalurate exercises.
- May 21—Commencement exercises. Reverend Preston Bradley from the People's Church in Chicago spoke.
- May 22—School closed. Buckets were used to catch the Senior's tears.

## THINGS WE COULD DO WITHOUT

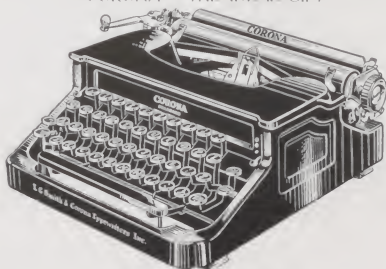
1. Mice chasing Kathryn Moon.
2. Claramae's horse laugh.
3. Phylliss Carlson's continual giggle.
4. Arthur Bessette and Arthur Hacker's running to the library every period.
5. Breaking typewriters.
6. Saager combing his hair during school time.
7. Juanita Carlson chewing gum.
8. Tests in Home Economics.
9. Gerald Weiler's cornet solos.
10. Freshmen parking in the gym windows and corners.
11. Martin Luebecke flirting with the girls.
12. Chewing gum in the classrooms.
13. Playing catch with paper wads.
14. Staying in almost every noon.
15. Mr. Robinson's old jokes.
16. Freeman's Oh! in history.
17. Miss Friedrich shaking her head.
18. Miss Richman's Geometry class at noon.
19. Shirley Adank sucking her thumb.
20. Split skirts.
21. Clarence Popp's cleats.
22. John Saylor's flashy scarf.
23. Tests in Health Education.
24. Defeats in Basketball.
25. Coach wearing his jacket all day.
26. Miss Friedrich being so bashful about her diamond.
27. Mr. McAllister eating so many pencils.
28. Mr. Rumbaugh frowning so much.
29. Frank Henderson making funny noses in music class.

## POPULARITY CONTEST

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 Most Popular Boy—Frank Henderson.  
 Most Handsome Boy—Lester Hacker.  
 Prettiest Girl—Virginia Davenport.  
 Most Studious Girl—Johanna Smith.  
 Most Studious Boy—William Brewer.  
 Girl Athlete—Claramae Schoon.  
 Boy Athlete—Lester Hacker.  
 Best Natured—Kathryn Moon.  
 Wittiest Girl—Dorothy Popp.  
 Wittiest Boy—Herman Harms.  
 Neatest Girl—Dortha Heiny.  
 Best School-Spirit—Claramae Schoon.  
 Best Drag with Faculty—Ivis Hertz and Lloyd Saager.  
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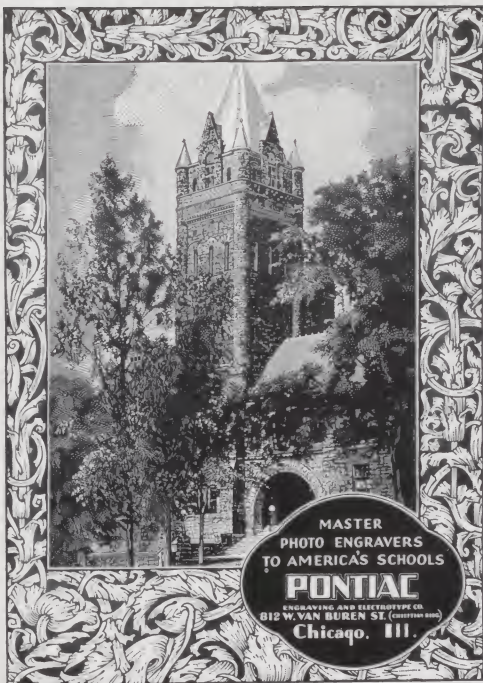
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